

## Voter Photo ID – Frequently Asked Questions

### **Does everyone need a special voter photo ID from the Office of Elections to vote?**

No. This statewide service is provided to **voters who do not already have an acceptable photo ID**, such as a valid driver's license, employer- or government-issued ID, or student ID from a university in Virginia. [Click here to learn more](#) and see a chart of acceptable IDs.

### **Are high school student ID cards acceptable?**

Valid photo IDs issued by Virginia public high schools are acceptable forms of identification because they are issued by a government agency (the public school system.) However, the Code of Virginia does not have a provision allowing private school student IDs to be used for voting.

### **What is a “valid” ID?**

IDs that have not expired, or that have expired within the 12 months preceding the election, are considered “valid” voter IDs.

### **Where may I obtain a voter photo ID?**

IDs are processed at the Fairfax County Office of Elections at the Fairfax Government Center. [Click here for our address](#). Voters receive their IDs **in the mail** within two weeks.

### **What are the hours of operation?**

#### **Normally:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Thursday 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

#### **Prior to the general election:**

Saturdays, Sept. 27 – Nov. 1: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Weekdays, Oct. 14 – Oct. 31: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

### **Will there be other locations or hours available in the future?**

Voter photo IDs will be processed at in-person absentee voting locations beginning Saturday, September 27. [Click here for locations and schedules](#).

Additionally, the Office of Elections will be available to process applications now through Oct. 13 at other locations throughout the county. [Click here to view a schedule](#).

### **Can a voter go to a registrar's office in another locality in Virginia to obtain a voter ID?**

Yes. A Virginia voter photo ID is valid throughout the Commonwealth, and may be obtained through any general registrar's office. Visit their websites or call to learn their hours of operation.

**What is being done to inform the public about the new law?**

The Virginia Department of Elections is conducting a statewide advertising campaign prior to the November elections to inform voters in the Commonwealth about the ID requirements.

Locally, every opportunity is being made by the Office of Elections to provide information to Fairfax County voters, political parties, civic organizations, and interest groups.

**Can someone obtain a photo ID and vote absentee in person on the same day?**

Yes. A temporary ID may be issued to **currently registered voters** to use to vote immediately at an in-person absentee voting location. However, **voters must register on or before Oct. 14** for the November general election. Temporary IDs cannot be issued to new registrants, who, by law, must wait 5 days before voting.

**If the ID has an address (such as a driver's license), must it match the address in the pollbook?**

No. Voters are proving their identity, not their residence. However, the address the voter provides verbally or in writing must match that in the pollbook (the address under which they are registered to vote.) Voters who have moved must update their address with the Office of Elections. [Click here to do so online.](#)